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APPLICANTS: Yukiko NAKANISHI et al.
SERIAL NO: 09/145,987 GROUP: 1623
FILED: September 3, 1998 EXAMINER: E. White
FOR: CELLULOSE ACETATE AND DOPE CONTAINING THE
SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 21, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 27, 2001 (Paper No. 26), the period for response being extended three months to February 27, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with this application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **cancel claims 19 and 21**, and amend the remaining claims to

read:

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1 (four times amended) A cellulose acetate compound obtained by the reaction of a cellulose, which may contain a hemicellulose, with a reactant consisting essentially of acetic anhydride in the presence of a sulfuric acid catalyst and having at least one feature selected from the group consisting

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Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT in the above-identified application.

- ☐ The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8.
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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	19	-	23	=	0	\$18	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	2	-	3	=	0	\$84	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$280	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$0.00


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- ☒ Petition for three (3) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.17 and 1.136(a). \$920.00 for the extension of time.
- ☐ No fee is required.
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$920.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. \$1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. \$1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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